

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Yet this is an obvious partisan attack which serves only the interests of David Smith and the Bush Administration. Is this the future of Media in this country? Will a handful of corporate CEOs allow only commentary and analysis which benefits their political agenda to be seen?

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.